CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

| 1 | 1. | Α | light | comp | risi | nq: |
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- 2 an acrylic rod having a first end and a second end;
- a first circuit board including one or more
 electrical-to-optical converters to generate photons;
 and
- a first end housing having a first opening
 through which the first end of the acrylic rod is
 inserted, the first end housing to house the first
 circuit board and align the one or more electricalto-optical converters of the first circuit board with
 the first opening and the first end of the acrylic
 rod.
 - 1 2. The light of claim 1, wherein 2 the acrylic rod is clear.
 - 1 3. The light of claim 1, wherein 2 the acrylic rod is cylindrical.
 - The light of claim 1, further comprising:
 a second circuit board including one or more
 electrical-to-optical converters to generate photons;
 and

a second end housing having a second opening through which the second end of the acrylic rod is inserted, the second end housing to house the second circuit board and align the one or more electrical-to-optical converters of the second circuit board with the second opening and the second end of the acrylic rod.

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- 1 5. The light of claim 1, wherein
- 2 the one or more electrical-to-optical converters of
- 3 the first circuit board are light emitting diodes (LEDs).
- 1 6. The light of claim 5, wherein
- 2 the one or more light emitting diodes (LEDs) emit an
- 3 incoherent light for dispersion out of the acrylic rod.
- 1 7. The light of claim 1, wherein
- 2 the length of the acrylic rod is proportional to a
- 3 desired wavelength and frequency of light.
- 1 8. The light of claim 1, wherein
- 2 the diameter of the acrylic rod is proportional to a
- 3 desired wavelength and frequency of light.
- The light of claim 1, further comprising:
- 2 a first reflector coupled to the first circuit board
- 3 around the one or more electrical-to-optical converters at
- 4 a first end, a second end of the first reflector aligned
- 5 with the first opening and receiving the first end of the
- 6 acrylic rod, the first reflector to reflect photons into
- 7 the acrylic rod.
- 1 10. The light of claim 1, further comprising:
- 2 a reflective strip coupled down the length of the
- 3 acrylic rod to reflect photons out of the acrylic rod.
- 1 11. The light of claim 10, wherein
- .2 the reflective strip encompasses one hundred eight
- 3 degrees of a diameter of a circular cylindrical acrylic
- 4 rod.
- 1 12. The light of claim 10, wherein Express Mail No. EL466329504US -24-

- 2 the reflective strip encompasses ninety degrees of a
- 3 diameter of a circular cylindrical acrylic rod.
- 1 13. The light of claim 10, wherein
- 2 the reflective strip encompasses forty five degrees
- 3 of a diameter of a circular cylindrical acrylic rod.
- 1 14. The light of claim 1, wherein
- 2 the photons are coupled into the acrylic rod and
- 3 radiated outward therefrom without the use of a fragile
- 4 glass bulb or filament.
- 1 15. The light of claim 1, wherein
- 2 the light is mounted to a rack to light rack mounted
- 3 equipment.
- 1 16. The light of claim 1, wherein
- 2 the light is a light fixture to mount to a surface to
- 3 illuminate an area.
- 1 17. The light of claim 1, further comprising:
- an electrical-to-optical controller coupled to
- 3 the first circuit board to control the one or more
- 4 electrical-to-optical converters; and
- 5 an on/off switch to switch the generation of
- 6 photons by the one or more electrical-to-optical
- 7 converters on and off.
- 1 18. The light of claim 17, further comprising:
- 2 an intensity selection switch to vary the
- brightness of the generated light.
 - 1 19. The light of claim 17, further comprising:
 - a color selection switch to selectively choose
 - 3 the mixture of primary colors generated by the one or Express Mail No. EL466329504US -25-

- 4 more electrical-to-optical converters to vary the
- 5 color of the generated light.
- 1 20. The light of claim 1, further comprising:
- a transformer to transform AC power to a safe
- 3 efficient power to power the one or more electrical-
- 4 to-optical converters of the first circuit board in
- 5 an efficient manner.
- 1 21. A method of lighting without a light bulb, the
- 2 method comprising:
- 3 generating first photons of a desired color;
- 4 coupling the first photons into a first end of an
- 5 acrylic rod; and
- 6 radiating the first photons out of the acrylic rod as
- 7 light.
- 1 22. The method of claim 21, further comprising:
- 2 generating second photons of the desired color;
- 3 coupling the second photons into a second end of the
- 4 acrylic rod; and
- 5 radiating the second photons out of the acrylic rod
- 6 as light.
- 1 23. The method of claim 21, further comprising:
- 2 varying a mixture of the first photons to change the
- 3 color of the light.
- 1 24. The method of claim 21, further comprising:
- 2 uniformly varying the mixture of the first photons
- '3 generated and coupled into the acrylic rod to vary the
- 4 intensity of the light.
- 1 25. The method of claim 21, wherein,
- 2 the acrylic rod is cylindrically shaped. Express Mail No. EL466329504US -26-

- 1 26. The method of claim 21, wherein,
- 2 the acrylic rod is clear.
- 1 27. The ornamental design for a light, as shown and
- 2 described.
- 1 28. The ornamental design for a transparent rod for
- 2 a light, as shown and described.